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Serial No.: 09/855,917                    ) Art Unit: 3626  
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Dear Examiner:

This Reply to Office Action is responsive to the Office Action mailed on February 27, 2002. Accordingly, please amend the claims as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims identically numbered:

*Sub 61*    Sub 5.    (Amended) The cable tie of claim 4, wherein the at least one reduced thickness channel is provided on an inner side of the neck section.

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6.    (Amended) The cable tie of claim 4, wherein the at least one reduced thickness channel is provided on an outer side of the neck section.